

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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Judge Franklin P. Backus
Corporation Court
Room 210 - City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Judge Backus:

One of our employees who is not permitted for security considerations to reveal his employment by the Agency has been summoned to appear for jury service in the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria commencing March 12, 1973. We bring this matter to your attention inasmuch as other judges in this area believe that such employees should not serve on a jury since they cannot, if queried during voir dire or other proceedings, reveal the true nature of their employment. Judge Sinclair of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County and Judge Lewis of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, for instance, do not permit such employees to serve on a jury.

The purpose of this letter is to request your advice on whether these employees should serve on a jury in your Court. Of course, employees of this Agency who can publicly disclose their affiliation with the Agency will continue to serve on juries in any jurisdiction, when summoned. We seek excuses for these employees only in the most compelling cases.

The employee in the instant case is identified by a copy of the jury summons returned under separate cover, and we ask that this letter and the name of the employee not be joined together. [REDACTED] of my office will be pleased to explain the circumstances further if you desire.

We appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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Alexandria, Va., 197

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You are hereby summoned to attend the Corporation Court for service as a juror at its Mar. Term at such times as the Judge or Court may direct. The Mar. Term begins Mar. 12 and ends Apr. 9, '73 YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DATES YOUR ATTENDANCE IS COMMANDED.

Please call 750-6581 and leave phone number where you can be contacted during the day. Thank you.

RAYMOND E. FOGLE, Sheriff

By L. L. ARMISTEAD
Deputy Sheriff

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